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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2007, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 10; and

**Authorization** is included on page 22.